

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Patent Application of

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PASTE TYPE POSITIVE ELECTRODE

FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, : No. 10059-365US

AND NICKEL-METAL HYDRIDE

STORAGE BATTERY

: Attorney Docket

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is requested that the enclosed reference(s) listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The Japanese references are cited and discussed at pages 1-6 of the application. The enclosed U.S. Application No. 09/146,121, filed September 2, 1998 has recently been allowed from Group Art Unit 1745 and is a related invention of applicants.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed reference(s) are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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